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Second Death In Company I

Sergeant Roy Died at Camp
Cotton Hospital, Saturday

Funeral Will Be Held Sunday
At Methodist Church.

Sergeant Melvin J. Roy of Company "I," 33rd Inf'y M. N. G., passed away at the base hospital at El Paso, Texas, Saturday—Feb'y 3rd—following a brief illness. A military funeral service was held at Camp Cotton, Monday, and the remains were then started for his late home in this city accompanied, we understand, by Lieutenant W. C. Spring. The body arrived here Friday night and the funeral will be held from the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roy of this city and was about 19 years of age. He was a member of the present Senior Class of our High School, and was popular among his school associates.

When Company I was ordered out, he left his school duties and responded to the call. The fact that he was promoted to the position Sergeant is evident that he was considered a good soldier among the members of Company "I."

The first information of his dangerous illness came in a telegram received by Mr. Roy last Friday, from the hospital officials. Mrs. Roy started on Saturday for El Paso. On Sunday a message was received that Serg't Roy had passed away, and Mrs. Roy was intercepted at Chicago and returned home first of the week.

DEATH OF MRS. J. E. STRONG

Mrs. J. E. Strong passed away at her home on the West Side last Saturday morning, following a brief illness from pneumonia.

Deceased was born Feb. 14, 1854 at Sempronius, Cayuga County, N. Y., her maiden name being Miss Josephine Evans. On Sept. 14, 1870 she was united in marriage to Edgar A. Reed at Summerville, N. Y. To this union five children were born, one of whom, Myrtle, is deceased; the surviving children are—Elmer J. Reed of Levering, Mrs. Jos. Mayville who resides on the West Side, Mrs. Lon Shaw and Mrs. Harrison Ranney who reside near this city.

They removed to East Jordan and Mr. Reed passed away a few years later.

On Aug. 29, 1905, she was united in marriage to J. E. Strong at Charlevoix, the bereaved husband surviving.

Funeral services were held from her late residence, Monday morning, conducted by Rev. John Clemens of the Methodist Church. Interment at East Jordan Cemetery.

MRS. GARBERTSON PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Emeline J. Garbertson passed away at the home of her son, Noah, on Third-St., last Sunday morning, Feb. 7th, at the advanced age of 88 years.

Deceased was born July 12, 1829 in Ohio. She was united in marriage to Isaac Garbertson at the age of 24 years, and they moved from Ohio to Indiana. In 1900 they came to East Jordan and Mr. Garbertson passed away about three years later. Since then she has made her home with her son, Noah. Nine children were born to them, three of whom are deceased; the surviving children are—Lewis Garbertson of Boyne City, William of Newberry, and Noah, Mrs. Wm. Hudkins, Mrs. John Hott, Mrs. Charles Hott of East Jordan. There are also left to mourn her loss forty grand-children and thirty-five great-grand children.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and funeral services were held from there Tuesday afternoon, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Rogers of Ann Arbor conducted the services. Interment at East Jordan.

The report of State Fire Marshal Winship for December shows that 10 persons were killed and 34 seriously burned or injured during the month by fire, explosions and the careless use of gasoline and kerosene in Michigan, and that 17 buildings used for public purposes were burned or partially destroyed as follows: 5 schools, 4 hotels, 4 theatres, 2 churches and 2 halls.

Some people are so unimportant that they don't even furnish material for gossip.

COUNTY AGENT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How are county agricultural agents supported?

The money which pays the county agent's wages and his expenses while carrying on his work in the county comes from three sources. The U. S. Department of Agriculture contributes \$600 annually, the State Agricultural College gives another \$500, and the County Board of Supervisors generally appropriates the balance, which averages, in the twenty-six counties now employing agents in Michigan, about \$1600, according to the statement of Dr. Eben Mumford, state leader of county agents. In three counties in Michigan the county's share of the expense is partly raised by private contributions. At present there is no other source of funds.

What kind of men are sent out as County Agents?

The fear that our county will have an impractical, city-bred, college-trained, but otherwise inexperienced youngster foisted upon us for a county agent seems to stand in the way of some man's giving their unqualified support to the movement. This fear, however, is entirely ungrounded. Such a thing has never been done before. Of the thousands of men who have graduated from our agricultural college, only a few have been considered qualified for the important position of county agricultural agent. This is a big, serious work; and before a man is appointed to a county, he must satisfy the officers of the county's Farm Bureau. He must also satisfy Dr. Mumford and the other college authorities; and furthermore, he must be acceptable as a representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The kind of men who have passed these requirements are mature men, born and reared on farms, graduated from an agricultural college, and with actual farm experience after graduation.

In support of this statement one has only to mention the names of such men as H. G. Smith, county agent in Kent county; Jason Woodman of Kalamazoo county; C. B. Cook, formerly of Allegan county; Alfred Bentall, now of Allegan; J. F. Zimmer of Wexford; and H. B. Blanchard of Newaygo, all with state-wide reputations for good sense and practical judgment in agricultural matters. No county needs to accept a man with qualifications less than these men possess.

What steps are necessary to take in order to secure a county agent for Charlevoix county?

First, it is necessary to arouse interest in the movement among the people in the county. At present practically everyone in the county understands the proposition, and of those who do only a very few, indeed, are still opposed to a county agent. It is unnatural to expect to convince everyone of the value of any new thing. In the counties which have had a county agent longest, there are still some men who oppose the idea, just as some men in this county will live and die opposing good roads and other improvements.

The Farm Bureau.

In some counties the Board of Supervisors has entire supervision of the work of the county agent and so constitute the Farm Bureau. In most counties, however, before the agent is hired the interested farmers and business men get together and organize a county Farm Bureau with a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as large a membership as possible. The members pay a small fee which is used to defray the necessary expenses of the Bureau until the supervisors make an appropriation to cover the county's share of the expense.

The Farm Bureau presents the proposition to the Board of Supervisors and asks for an appropriation. The Bureau also passes judgment on the fitness of the candidate presented by the state leader for the position of county agent. After a man has been selected and hired, the Farm Bureau helps to outline his work and, with the state leader of county agents and the Department of Agriculture, exercises supervision over him.

In order that there shall be no misunderstanding, when a county is ready to ask for a county agent the state leader of county agents comes into the county and holds meetings at several different places and explains in detail the whole proposition. He will also help organize the Farm Bureau.

In view of the growing interest which has sprung up in the county during the past year, it is quite likely that Dr. Mumford will be invited to come to Charlevoix county sometime before the spring work begins. Please keep this in mind and watch for such an announcement.

"With Malice Toward None,
Charity To All, Following the Right
As God Gives Us to See the Right."



Boys, Read This!

Don't be afraid of work.

The publisher of one of the world's greatest newspapers was shining shoes and selling newspapers when less than 16 years old.

Thomas Edison was a newsboy at 16.

The inventor of the comptometer was working at a lathe when only 14.

Andrew Carnegie was a newsboy.

John D. Rockefeller was a grocer's clerk when a boy.

The president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association was herding cattle at the age of 12 years.

Plan right now for a job when school is out this spring. Don't worry about the pay—just get a job.

William Reese, charged with Charles Watson and John Dolan, with having burned Dolan's hotel and livery barn at Sheridan on the night of May 14, 1915, was convicted of the crime by a circuit court jury at Stanton, Tuesday, January 10th after twenty minutes deliberation.

Watson has pleaded guilty and Dolan, the owner of the property, will probably be tried at the present term of court. Dolan carried \$7,800 insurance on the property and it was claimed that he gave Watson & Reese \$250.00 to fire the buildings that he might collect this insurance. Fourteen horses and other stock were burned in the fire and several persons barely managed to escape from the hotel after the fire was discovered. The entire village was threatened by the fire as the men cut the fire hose at the engine house before setting the fire and it was almost impossible for the firemen and citizens to fight the flames with most of the hose out of commission. Watson, in a statement to Sheriff W. E. Rasmussen, claimed that Reese and himself had also been hired by Dolan to fire the Sheridan creamery which burned several months ago and the sheriff states that Watson admits being responsible for at least one other fire in Montcalm County. Judge Davis will sentence Watson and Reese at the end of the present term of court.

The records kept by the fire marshal for the entire year, 1916, show that 120 persons lost their lives while 234 were burned or injured from the above causes. 103 buildings used for public purposes were burned or partially destroyed during 1916 according to the report, causing a property loss of \$982,503.00, as follows: 34 schools, 29 hotels, 18 churches, 11 theatres, 7 halls and 4 hospitals.

Historical Facts of the Week

This week might well be called a Week of Birthdays, since each of its days mark an anniversary of the birth of a man prominent in history.

Napoleon the First was born Feb. 5, 1768.

Aaron Burr was born Feb. 6, 1756.

Charles Dickens was born Feb. 7, 1812.

John Ruskin was born Feb. 8, 1819.

General Harrison was born Feb. 9, 1773.

Charles Lamb was born Feb. 10, 1775.

Thomas A. Edison was born Feb. 11, 1847.

Thrift is just another kind of preparedness.

Any newspaper or magazine will gladly accept your contribution—if it comes in the form of a subscription.

Valentine Day Comes Next Week

Of all the Valentines we know, There's some we hope we'll get— Though promised to us long ago, We're waiting for them yet. They bear a lovely lady's face— A maiden we adore, And though we rarely see her, we But love her all the more. Her face is good in any clime; Spend here where'er you will, But while you're spending, recollect That we, too, have a till.

Geel but we'd hate to be a farmer these days—corn worth only about 90c a bushel, butter too high for ordinary people to eat, and eggs more precious than gold. Thankful we are indeed, that we are in the newspaper business, the most remunerative business in the world!

And many a man's reputation for truthfulness goes lame when he begins to say things about himself.

The man who doesn't know one note from another is always getting next to things that are selling for a song.

And many a man has been caught at his own fool game by wise people who let him think he was fooling them.

And it sometimes comes, to pass that after a man has made his mark he acquires a wife who insists on his toeing it.

People who think advertising doesn't pay will wonder why the American Tobacco company has appropriated between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 for it this year.

NATION STANDS WITH PRESIDENT

Situation Most Serious, Is
Country Wide Opinion.

OUR RIGHTS ARE INVOLVED

Editorial Comment Calls Upon All to
Back Nation's Head in Serious Crisis.
Fight With Germany at Hand, It Is
Feared by Many—Right to Sail In-
sisted Upon.

[From the New York American.]

It is a time to walk warily, to decide coolly, to be very sure of each step and very confident of each decision. And certainly we must assure the president that, whatever the issue may be, the nation is loyally behind him. We are profoundly hopeful that our own peace can be maintained and that Mr. Wilson will find a way to do so with honor. But if it is to be his lot to find no other way to walk in honor except with the sword in hand, which God forbid, then we will all walk loyally in that way with him.

But we refuse to believe that such a destiny is marked out for us until the last resources of diplomacy and of peaceful persuasion have been exhausted.

Thinks We Are on Verge of War.

[From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.]

It is impossible to exaggerate the gravity of the issues raised by the German note or to ignore the indisputable fact that it brings the United States not only to the necessity of facing an immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, but to the very verge of war. * * * Not only is it impossible that the United States should even seem to consent by inaction to the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare against passenger and cargo ships, but it could not submit for one moment to the abandonment of its rights as a neutral to the freedom of the sea or the demand for guarantees and humiliating restrictions on its commerce. It is its right to send its ships where it will.

Must Await British Preparations.

[From the Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal.]

It will be well to read the latest German note in the light of English preparations. On its face the notice given of the coming of unrestricted submarine warfare means a clash with the United States. * * * The only hopeful phase of the situation is the possibility that Great Britain is preparing to transform all of her merchantmen into virtual warships and intends to make an offensive as well as a defensive warfare upon all enemy submarines.

Must Maintain Our Honor.

[From the Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune.]

It is not necessary to emphasize for the thoughtful reader the difficulties of this situation or to suggest the grave peril to our country which lies beneath it. * * * That our own commerce in our own ships should be barred from Europe by the arbitrary decree of one of the belligerents whose only means of suppressing it is to destroy it on the high seas is a matter which the people of America will expect our government to deal with in accordance with our rights as neutrals and with due regard to the maintenance of our national honor.

Commission Proceedings.

Regular meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms, Monday evening, Feb. 5, 1917. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross and Gidley. Absent—Lancaster.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

On Motion by Gidley the following bills were allowed:

Mich. State Tel. Co., rentals,	\$ 6.25
East Jordan Iron Works, tax refund,	140.78
Dwight L. Wilson, ins. on town hall,	13.80
Dwight H. Fitch, salary and rental,	27.17
A. Walstad, repair work,	3.65
State Bank of E. J., bond of A. E. Cross,	5.00
James Gidley, salary,	25.00
R. Bingham, repairs on hose house,	1.60
L. P. Holliday, municipal Xmas,	38.47
Electric Light Co., pumping & lighting,	332.60

On motion by Cross, meeting was adjourned.

OTIS J. SMITH,
City Clerk.

School Commissioner's Notes

May L. Stewart, Commissioner

Some of the bigger things have been crowding out the notes until they have accumulated thick and fast.

A summary of the institute enrollment cards shows only six teachers in the county who have never had any college or normal training of any kind. Five of these are in the rural schools.

The Charlevoix seniors entertained the county normal class with a kitchen party Wednesday the 24th. All report a good time.

Afton where Miss Crowell is teaching requests 11 certificates of award for pupils not absent or tardy for 4 months. Up to the date of the request this was the largest number for any one room school.

The story goes that Rip Van Winkle slept 20 years but that when he awoke his surroundings were anything but comfortable.

See the directories for the 1915 patriotism law. Feb. 12th and also Feb. 22nd will soon be here.

When the county normal class and their critic Miss Huntoon visited the Walker school and Rock Elm they were welcomed by the director in the first school and were invited to his home where Mrs. Clark had warm refreshments ready. In the second school the Mothers' Club had thought the drive from Charlevoix a long hard drive and turned out to visit the school at the same time and give the girls something to eat before they returned. The girls were delighted with the hospitality displayed.

The 500 credit diplomas may be earned by students below the 4th grade but on earning two they would not claim a 1000 credit diploma, neither would students above the 4th grade possess diplomas of both descriptions.

The Undine school teacher, Miss Groenink writes that they have ordered 100 lbs. of sweeping compound, sanitary paper towels, and a new globe. The sanitary paper towels are in very common use now as both safe and inexpensive but this is only the third school that has thus acknowledged the use of the sweeping compound.

Official notice of the School Officers' meeting for this county arrived this week and individual notices will be sent to all officers at once. This meeting will be held in Boyne City this year in the City Hall February 28th on Wednesday. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions and it is to be hoped that every school elector within a driving distance will feel that he is not only welcome but that he can be of bigger service to his district during the coming year if he attends this meeting. One member of every school board is paid to be present but we should hate to have that keep others away. W. L. Coffey, chief clerk and legal advisor of the state department will have charge of the meeting.

Fred Erfourth of Horton Bay reports that he has one boy, James Barkley, who walks two and a half miles to school and has earned two thousand eighty credits for home work carefully kept track of. This boy is in the fourth grade and is doing his work easily and happily altho he never would have dreamed the amount being done until a standard of measurement was adopted. His brother in the fifth grade has 1962 credits.

Horton Bay, Springvale, Walker school, Wallon Lake, and others unrecorded report that almost all the boys and girls could quit keeping track of their Home Work now if they wanted to since the years work is finished but that in almost all cases there was a strong desire to continue for the rest of the year.

Miss Goss from the Star School reports that she has started serving one hot food each noon to accompany the noon lunch.

Miss Allen of Springvale reports that they are having hot lunches every noon now. The district furnishes the oil and every parent is delighted with the plan.

There was a man who thought that he could win a little bet By quenching in some gasoline a lighted cigarette.

He thought the fluid, being wet, would douse the flame somehow. There was a man who reasoned thus. He is not with us now.

If you would outshine your neighbors acquire a good reputation and then keep it polished.